



## Merlyn "Mouse" Schmidt

May 22, 1935 - April 30, 2021

ELK RUN HEIGHTS-Merlyn R. "Mouse" Schmidt, 85, of Elk Run Heights, died Friday, April 30, 2021, at Unity Point-Allen Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 22, 1935, in Van Wert, Iowa, the son of George and Callie Johnson Schmidt. He served in the United States Navy from 1952 - 1956 & 4 yrs reserves. He married Janice Naasz August 31, 1963 in Seattle WA. She died August 19, 1992. He then married Shirley Walsh Shea October 2, 1993 in Waterloo. He was employed at John Deere as a machine repairman and a short time as a supervisor, retiring in 1994 after thirty years. He was a dedicated member of U.A.W. Local 838, serving as president, 1st vice president financial secretary and held numerous other positions over his 30 years. He was a member of Evansdale AMVETS #31.

Survived by: his wife of Elk Run Heights; daughter, Tammie (Steve) Collum; son, Todd (Kerrie); three step children, Lori (Bernard) Cooper, Teresa (Michael) Kwasnik, and Steve (Monica) Shea; numerous step grandchildren and step great grandchildren; and sister, Esther Magnuson.

Preceded in death by: five brothers, Ray, Lewis, Clifford, Harold, and Cecil Schmidt; two sisters, Doris Jacoby and Virginia Aneweer; and step granddaughter, Kaitlyn.

Services 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 7, 2021 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Evansdale, with interment in the Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, Cedar Falls. Military Honors by Evansdale AMVETS Post #31 and the Navy Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Richardson Funeral

Service in Cedar Falls. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to: Unity Point-Allen Hospital Hospice or Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Evansdale. Online condolences maybe left at: [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com)

“Mouse” especially enjoyed wintering and hiking in Arizona with Shirley. He was passionate about his involvement with the union and politics.” To honor “Mouse’s” wishes, the family requests masks should be worn.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens

Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 233-6136

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
[richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com)  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Family Service

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
4031Lafayette Rd.  
Evansdale , IA 50707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mouse was a man I could look up to when I was a boy. He was always so decent. Mouse made me a promise when I was 11 that he would reward me with 50\$ If I graduated high school; after those many years, when I graduated he stuck to his word and gave me 50\$. Always good memories with mouse.*

Nick - May 16, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Merlyn "Mouse" Schmidt.*



May 10, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Your Clarion Lab Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Merlyn "Mouse" Schmidt.*



Your Clarion Lab Family - May 06, 2021 at 12:16 PM

CF

“ Mouse and I always put the membership first. All local politics aside , Mouse was a great vote getter; he would win against most anybody.

Mouse had older brothers with whom he slept. They accused Mouse of hogging the covers. One brother called him a "rat". Another brother said "he's too little to be a rat, he must be a mouse".

On another note Mouse told me that "I don't always win, do you think a winner would have a crooked nose like this?"

Remember the good times, Mouse would like that! Rest Easy, my friend

Charles Fuller

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**charles fuller** - May 06, 2021 at 11:17 AM

RJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to Shirley & family. Our love goes out to you. Sorry we

can't leave Western Home yet to visit or go to service. He will be missed.

Ruth & Roger Jeys

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**Ruth Jeys** - May 06, 2021 at 08:48 AM

JH

“ Although I knew he was having medical issues, I was surprised when I heard of his passing. Mouse was an outstanding leader in the UAW - devoted to the ideals of the institution and friend to many.. My sincere sympathy to Shirley, the Schmidt and Shea family.

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**jim Hamlyn** - May 06, 2021 at 06:51 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merlyn "Mouse" Schmidt.*



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May 05, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mouse's death. I always enjoyed it when he and Shirley would join me and my parents for Mexican. I have missed these times over the last year and was hoping to be able to see him again. He always had "words of wisdom" to share with me and I could feel that he was proud of me in my role as president of my local union at UNI.*

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**Shelly Hill** - May 05, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merlyn "Mouse" Schmidt.*



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May 05, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Shirley and family,  
Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss.  
God bless,  
Billie Jo*

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**Billie Jo Tonn** - May 05, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Merlyn "Mouse" Schmidt.*



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May 04, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *I worked many years with Mouse at John Deere. He was a very fair man, hard worker and represented his Union Brothers and Sisters respectfully. Mouse always loved to share ideas, or debate them. I believe Mouse lived out his years to the fullest. He was blessed in many ways and brought blessings to those around him. He was always a willing servant to those needing a hand up. He will be missed. Bill Henninger*

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**Bill Henninger** - May 04, 2021 at 01:32 PM



*Shirley and family,  
So sorry to hear about Mouse! A great guy and so personable!  
Richard and Judy Norris*

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**richard norris** - May 05, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Rosie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Merlyn "Mouse" Schmidt*



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**Rosie Thompson** - May 03, 2021 at 04:48 PM

RT

*To Shirley and family I am so sorry to hear of Merlyn's passing. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Rosie Thompson** - May 03, 2021 at 04:49 PM

SS

*I am so sorry about the passing of Mouse. I am a Local 838 Member and I so enjoyed his advice and stories of the early days of working. Mouse was a source of information, I always talked to him at the Union meetings and he will be missed.*

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**Sheryl Strohecker** - May 07, 2021 at 11:50 AM

VS

“ *As I think back on my last in person visit from Mouse , we were sitting at our kitchen table . He told every time he sees me I look more like my mother, I thanked him for the compliment, his response was, I was hoping you would take that as a complement she was one fine lady. Then we always had conversations about the Night Life in Fort Pierre SD during his hey day , it was a wild place and he enjoyed every minute of it!*  
*Rest In Peace,*  
*Vickie Naasz Schumacher*  
*(Janice's sister)*

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**Vickie Naasz Schumacher** - May 03, 2021 at 10:13 AM